

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 3 with the following amended paragraph:

A host adapter (HA) 117 provides communications between the host system 113 and the system memory 114; disk adapters (DA) 120 and 121 provide pathways between the system memory 114 and the storage device pluralities 115 and 116. A bus 122 interconnects the system memory 114, the host adapters 117 and 118 and the disk adapters 120 and 121. Each system memory 114 ~~and 144~~ is used by various elements within the respective systems to transfer information and interact between the respective host adapters and disk adapters.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 23, line 19 with the following amended paragraph:

The following is an example of a flat file using such information for ~~a UX an AIX~~ operating system:

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7903A000 c3t8d2 vgedm2 lvt8d2 1 vxfs /t8d2
7903B000 c3t8d3 vgedm2 lvt8d3 2 vxfs /t8d3
7903C000 c3t8d4 vgedm2 lvt8d4 3 vxfs /t8d4
7903D000 c3t8d5 vgedm2 lvt8d5 4 vxfs /t8d5
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